

REMARKS

This application is a national stage application from International Application No. PCT JP02/012424 filed November 28, 2002. Applicants have amended the subtitles to comply with U.S. practice.

Because claims 1-34 were direct translations of the claims in the original PCT application that were written in Japanese without regard to U.S. practice, applicants have cancelled claims 1-34 and present a new set of claims, claims 35-96, rather than amending the original claims significantly. These claims take into account the prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith.

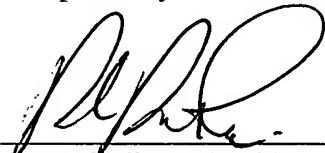
Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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